

requirements of section 155 of P.L. 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

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The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 97-15, with attached transmittal, policy justification, and sensitivity of technology pages.

Dated: May 14, 1997.

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Defense Security Assistance Agency

Honorable Newt Gingrich
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC 20515-6501

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 97-15, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Australia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$27 million. A notification for Section 36(c)(1), of the Arms Export Control Act, will be forwarded separately, by State Department, regarding the direct commercial sale for the upgrade of these helicopters to the SH-2G configuration. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Rhame,

Lieutenant General, USA, Director.

Attachments—Same ltr to:

House Committee on International Relations

Senate Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
House Committee on National Security
Senate Committee on Armed Services
House Committee on Appropriations

Transmittal No. 97-15

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

- (i) *Prospective Purchaser:* Australia.
- (ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

	Million
Major Defense Equipment *	\$24
Other	3
Total	27

* As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

(iii) *Description of Articles or Services Offered:* Twenty-nine excess SH-2F/G LAMPS MK 1 helicopters, spare and repair parts, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, and technical support and other related elements of logistics support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Navy (SCE)
(v) *Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:* None.

(vi) *Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:* See Annex attached.

(vii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress:* May 9, 1997.

Policy Justification

Australia—SH-2F/G LAMPS MK 1 Helicopters

The Government of Australia has requested the purchase of 29 excess SH-2F/G LAMPS MK 1 helicopters, space and repair parts, support equipment, personnel training equipment, publications and technical data, and technical support and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$27 million.

This sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Pacific region.

The Royal Australian Navy will use these helicopters in a maritime patrol for surface surveillance and defense. Australia will have no difficulty absorbing these helicopters into its armed forces.

The sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be Kaman Aerospace Corporation, Bloomfield, Connecticut. There are no offset agreements proposed to be entered into in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government personnel or contractor representatives to Australia.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this sale.

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Annex—Item No. vi

(vi) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. The SH-2F/G LAMPS MK 1 ASW helicopter configuration proposed for this sale will not contain any classified equipment or components.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware in this sale, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

3. A determination has been made that the recipient country can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Board of Visitors Meeting

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition University.

ACTION: Board of visitors meeting.

SUMMARY: The next meeting of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Board of Visitors (BoV) will be held at the Defense Systems Management College (DSMC), 9000 Belvoir Road, Building 184, Fort Belvoir, Virginia on Friday, June 20, 1997 from 0830 until 1600. The purpose of this meeting is to report back to the BoV on continuing items of interest; discuss the DAU technology-based education initiatives; and present the DAU Vision. The agenda will include continuing discussions concerning acquisition research, development of faculty productivity measures, and the development of the DAU vision and strategic program plan.

The meeting is open to the public; however, because of space limitations, allocation of seating will be made on a first-come, first served basis. Persons desiring to attend the meeting should call Mrs. Joyce Reniere at (703) 805-5134.

Dated: May 14, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board will meet in closed session on August 4-15, 1997 at the Beckman Center, Irvine, California.